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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL JOHN KABORE

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1. OVER LUNCH WITH PERM REP, KABORE CONFIRMED GENERAL SUBSTANCE PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR NAJMAN. KABORE SAID THAT WYNTER WILL BE PROPOSED TO DG M'BOW AS THE PERSON TO SPEARHEAD PREPARATION OF THE MASS MEDIA DRAFT DECLARATION AND THAT A COMMISSION OF "WISE MEN" WILL BE SET UP TO STUDY THE BROADER QUESTION OF COMMUNICATIONS IN THE MODERN WORLD. KABORE SAID THAT COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMEONE OF INTERNATIONAL STATURE WHO CAN GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF A CONSENSUS. THE NAME OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF SWEDEN PALME WAS MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE CHAIRMAN, BUT ACCORDING TO KABORE, IS NOT NOW SERIOUSLY CONFIDENTIAL

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BEING CONSIDERED. NO AMERICANS HAVE BEEN NAMED AND THE SECRETARIATE IS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS. KABORE ASKED THAT WE SUBMIT ANY SUGGESTIONS OF AMERICANS FOR THE COMMISSION. HE SAID IT IS CERTAIN ONE AMERICAN WILL BE ON A COMMISSION OF ABOUT EIGHT. HOWEVER, NUMBERS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

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2. KABORE ALSO SAID HE DOES NOT FEEL MUCH PROGRESS CAN BE MADE ON THE ISRAEL ISSUES BEFORE THE ELECTIONS IN MAY. HE SAID THE DG IS GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR SENDING THE DELEGATION ON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. FIRST STEP IS TO ASCERTAIN THE AVAILABILITY OF THE THREE NAMES PREVIOUSLY SELECTED. THIS IS IN PROCESS NOW. THE NEXT STEP WILL BE A COMMUNICATION FROM M'BOW TO GOI PROPOSING TO SEND THE TEAM. KABORE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR THE TEAM GOING BEFORE MAY. HE SAID THERE WERE NO PLANS TO PUT THIS ISSUE ON THE EXBD AGENDA, EVEN IF THE TEAM DOES NOT GO, BUT HE WOULD EXPECT AN ARAB STATE, PROBABLY LYBIA TO RAISE THE ISSUE BY ASKING THE DG FOR A REPORT. KABORE STRONGLY URGED THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON JERUSALEM AT THE SPRING BOARD. HE FELT THAT THERE MUST FIRST BE PROGRESS ON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. HE SAID THAT HOPEFULLY BY MAY AN AGREEMENT FOR A TEAM CAN BE ARRANGED. THE DG CAN ALSO DISPATCH SOMEONE, PROBABLY LEMAIRE, TO CHECK ON THE EXCAVATIONS. THE MISSION TO JERUSALEM COULD BE PUT OFF UNTIL JUNE. THE FALL SESSION OF THE EXBD COULD THEN TAKE UP THE SANCTIONS ISSUE WITH SOME CERTAINTY OF SUCCESS.

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3. KABORE SAID THE EXECUTIVE BOARD COULD, AS PART OF ITS REVIEW OF GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEDURES, AFFIRM CONTINUANCE OF THE DNG AND THIS COULD BE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF INSTITUTIONALIZING EFFORTS TO KEEP POLITICAL ISSUES IN CHECK.

4. FINALLY, KABORE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BE GOING TO NEW YORK PROBABLY AROUND JANUARY 23 FOR MEETINGS AT THE UN. HE SAID THAT HE COULD COME TO D.C. FOR A DAY OF MEETINGS IF THAT WOULD BE USE-FUL. HE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH DEPT. OFFICIALS FOR A GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON. KABORE SAID HE WOULD NOT INTEND TO INVOLVE HIMSELF WITH THE LEGISLATURE.

5. PERM REP EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR HIS CANDOR AND SAID THAT A VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT BE USEFUL, ASSUMING IT COULD BE ARRANGED. KABORE AGREED TO GIVE US HIS EXACT DATES AND ITINERARY WHEN IT IS COMPLETED.
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6. COMMENT: AS USUAL, KABORE WAS CANDID AND FORTH-COMING. A VISIT TO THE DEPT. WOULD SEEM USEFUL. KABORE IS WELL FAMILIAR WITH THE US SCENE AS HE SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO THE US FROM UPPER VOLTA FOR FIVE YEARS. ALSO, KABORE OPERATES AT SOMEWHAT A LOWER KEY THAN NAJMAN AND HAS A CLOSER AND MORE PERSONAL RELATION WITH M'BOW.
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